

Karen's Update:

*"Yes, and I will continue to rejoice, for I know that through your prayers and the help given by the Spirit of Jesus Christ, what has happened to me will turn out for my deliverance."
Philippians 1:18-19*

Here in this passage God has given Paul a marvelous attitude of thanks, even in the midst of adversity. He has attributed his godly frame of mind, while being in prison, to the prayers of many and the help of the Holy Spirit. Because of this support of prayer, he has the confidence of his deliverance.



That is how Karen and I feel towards all of you who have prayed urgently on our behalf, since her diagnosis of cancer on September 2, 2017. Though we have felt the pain and heartache of this adversity, we rest with the confidence of God's deliverance. Our life will never be the same again, but as we move forward to the future with our "new normal", we have hope in Him.

This phase of our journey is nearly complete, in that Karen had her last scheduled chemo treatment on July 31. Yahoo! Though she still continues to have adverse side effects, we have the anticipation of getting back to some level of normalcy. There is a CT scan planned for August 20 to assess if she is still classified "disease free" and an August 28th consult will follow with our oncologist. Please pray about that because there are still some levels of anxiety that says, "Is it really gone??" If everything looks good, then Karen will go into what they call "surveillance". This means she will have blood draws (they are called tumor markers) every month to determine any activity and CT imaging every three months to watch things.

I know it would be tempting to say, "They are doing better, so let's take them off our prayer list." Please consider continuing to pray for us. Though we are doing much better and seeing God work, our journey IS NOT OVER. We need your continued prayers, especially that the cancer will not return. We just want to know that you continue to have our back, even when things are quiet.

Thanks again for your continued love, support and prayer. We count on it!

*Humbly in the Hands of Jesus,
Pat and Karen Phinney*